

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02481.1631-03

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	) <b><u>Prior Application:</u></b>
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<b>Wendelin FRICK et al.</b>	) Group Art Unit: 1626
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1.53(b) Continuation of U.S. Appl. No.	) Examiner: D. Lambkin
10/201,050, filed July 24, 2002	)
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For: BENZOTHIOPINE 1,1-DIOXIDE DERIVATIVES, A PROCESS FOR THEIR  
PREPARATION, PHARMACEUTICALS COMPRISING THESE COMPOUNDS,  
AND THEIR USE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**Preliminary Amendment**

Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add a first paragraph of the application as follows:

-- This application is a continuation of co-pending Application No.  
10/201,050, filed on July 24, 2002, which is a continuation of Application No.  
09/773,772, filed February 2, 2001, which is a continuation of Application No.  
09/398,315, filed September 20, 1999, which a continuation of International  
Application No. PCT/EP99/03743, filed May 29, 1999, all of which are  
incorporated herein by reference. --